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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MARCH 25 MEETING (SALT TWO-576)

1. SEMENOV MADE A LONG AND SOMEWHAT "CATCH-ALL" STATEMENT TODAY ON ARTICLES VI AND IX OF THE SOVIET DRAFT, DRAWING SOME COMPARISONS WITH US DRAFT. IN NOTING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN DRAFTS, HE SAID THAT WORKING GROUPS COULD DEAL WITH MANY OF THE MATTERS HE HAD RAISED. HE COVERED LAST TWO ITEMS THEIR ARTICLE IX--THAT IS, SYSTEMS FOR PLACING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ORBIT AND MIRVS ON ASMS. TRUSOV MADE STATEMENT ASKING FOR LOGIC BEHIND OUR FORMULATION LIMITING INCREASE IN LENGTH OR DIAMETER OF ANY ICBM SILO LAUNCHER TO ONE DIMENSION. HE POINTED OUT THAT I.A. AGREED UNDERSTANDING USED THE PLURAL "DIMENSIONS," AND INCREASING LENGTH BY 15 PERCENT WAS DIFFERENT THAN INCREASING DIAMETER BY THAT FIGURE.

2. MY STATEMENT WAS ON ARTICLE VI OF OUR DRAFT (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TESTING OR TRAINING LAUNCHERS), ARTICLE VII (MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT) AND ARTICLE IX (DESTRUCTION OR DISMANTLING OF EXCESS OR PROHIBITED SYSTEMS). WITH RESPECT TO MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT, I NOTED ARTICLE VII OF THE SOVIET DRAFT (240 SLBM LAUNCHERS) AND STATED THAT "IT IS THE U.S. VIEW

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THAT THIS ARTICLE OF THE SOVIET DRAFT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE

VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD AND I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT WE CANNOT INCLUDE IT IN THE NEW AGREEMENT." SEMENOV SAID HE WOULD INFORM MOSCOW OF MY STATEMENT.

3. GENERAL ROWNY MADE A STATEMENT CONTAINING OUR DEFINITION OF THROW-WEIGHT.

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY MORNING MARCH 27, SOVIET MISSION.

5. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE TODAY. JOHNSON

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